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Dear General Jones:

I am writing to you to express my appreciation at the quality of support given to the National Security Council staff by Colonel Richard Boverie.

Over the past year and a half Colonel Boverie has proven himself to be extremely effective in dealing with matters of great importance. His achievements in direct support of Mr. Jan Lodal, the NSC Staff Director of Program Analysis, have been, among other things, sufficient to warrant his elevation to the number two position there.

In addition to his obvious analytical skills, Colonel Boverie has demonstrated a range of competence unanticipated at the time of his arrival. His contributions to our understanding of the critical issues associated with the Defense budget and with both SALT and MBFR negotiations have been significant; what has been even more impressive is his ability to formulate coherent and well argued positions on subjects such as national strategic stockpiles and nuclear proliferation policy, and then successfully guide them, intact, through the coordination process with other Presidential offices.

Colonel Boverie represents what I have come to expect from a General Officer. His low key, thoroughly businesslike approach and his meticulous preparation have been especially effective in an arena where, as I am sure you appreciate, egos bruise easily and mistakes are seldom excused. Given his fine record and his performance to date here at the White House, it is apparent to me that Colonel Boverie is definitely General Officer material.

Sincerely,

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